

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2012
Freeway Medical Building
Room 906

Attendees: Barbara Kumpe, Brett Stone, Carole Garner, Charlotte Davis, Connie Whitfield (via phone), Don Johnson, Elton Cleveland, Joanne McLendon, Laura Bednar, Michelle Justus, Robyn Keene, Rosemary Rodibaugh

Absentees: Andrea Martin, Anna Strong, Bob West, Jada Walker, Laura Sanders, Michelle Smith, Paula Smith, Steve Anderson

Staff: Brittany Johnson, Joy Rockenbach, Taniesha Richardson

Next meeting: September 13, 2012

Business

- ❖ Members were asked to nominate a Chair *Pro tem* to conduct business of electing new officers. Don nominated Barbara Kumpe as *Pro tem* and was seconded. Barbara opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Dr. Bednar nominated Jada Walker to continue as Chair and was seconded. Dr. Cleveland moved that nominations cease. Rosemary nominated Barbara Kumpe as Vice-Chair and was seconded. The votes were unanimously accepted and the floor was closed.
- ❖ It was suggested that the by-laws be modified for electing chairs. The proposed amendments were amended and will be sent out to members. Members will vote at the next meeting on the changes.
- ❖ Dr. Bednar made a motion to accept the May minutes and was seconded. Rosemary made a motion to accept the June minutes and was seconded. May and June minutes were unanimously approved.

Counseling and Mental Health Presentation

- ❖ Betty Ruth Welch and Roger Palmer spoke to the committee about mental health in the schools. Betty Ruth gave a brief history on how mental health services came about in Arkansas School Districts and the purpose for them. She gave out information on the Public School Student Services Act and ASCA National Standards for Students. She explained that counselors in the schools play an important role in students' lives. Roger spoke briefly on suicide and awareness. He talked about suicide prevention programs (i.e. Gatekeeper's Program) and discussed Act 770 of 2011 that requires two hours of mandatory in-service professional development once every five years for licensed personnel in teen suicide awareness and prevention; and for other purposes.

Retreat Update

- ❖ Barbara provided the latest update on the CHAC retreat. She announced that Freeman McKindra will be the facilitator for the event. The retreat will be held on Friday, October 12, 2012 at Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock. The event will start at 9:00 A.M. and end at 3:00 P.M. An invitation will be sent out to members and guests. Joy asked members to discuss their expectations of the retreat. Members discussed choosing one or two recommendations that they would like to focus on for policy change, the status of the recommendations already submitted, and for a greater “meshing” among the group.

Organizational and Program Updates

Staff

- ❖ There was no report.

Department of Health

- ❖ Dr. West was out. No report was given.

Department of Education

- ❖ Dr. Bednar announced that Arkansas has been granted approval for “flexibility” by the US Department of Education. She explained that by receiving approval, the state would now be able to waive certain requirements that were mandatory under *No Child Left Behind*. This means they will now be able to focus on and measure individual student growth. They have moved away from SMART Accountability but are still being held accountable. Arkansas has 43 priority schools (under direct oversight with ADE) and 109 focus schools (under less oversight). Most of these schools are already involved with Coordinated School Health. For more information go to ADE’s website.

Coordinated School Health

- ❖ Audra reported that the Child Wellness Intervention Project (CWIP) training was held earlier this month. Also, CSH will be working with Elbert Harvey and the ACSIP team to assist the priority and focus schools with technical assistance on their wellness priority ACSIP plans. A Coordinator’s meeting will be held on August 29, 2012. A grant writing boot camp was held during the month of July. She also announced that applications for the Healthy School Board Awards have been received and they will be reviewing those over the next few weeks.

Child Nutrition Unit

- ❖ Sheila Brown was out. No report was given.

School Based Wellness Centers

- ❖ Tamara announced that they have begun the training process for the three new grantees. They have eight schools that are in their last year of funding and are looking forward to see how they will sustain. She also mentioned that only five applications were received last spring when the RFA was released. They are looking at new ways to

revamp and reach out to some of the red counties so there will be a bigger selection of applicants when the next RFA is released.

Hometown Health Initiative

- ❖ Kim Hooks reported that they have been conducting the mandatory vision, hearing, and scoliosis training for school staff. They are also helping with back to school workshops for school staff and events. They are in the planning stages for a new School Nurse Training that will be held on October 1-2, 2012. They are getting ready for the school flu clinics that will be held in October as well. Also, Nancy Green will be retiring on August 31, 2012.

Act 1220

- ❖ Michelle reported that they had great participation with the BMI. Also the school and district reports have been posted on the web.

Act 1220 COPH Evaluation

- ❖ Jada was out. No report was given.

Public Comments

- ❖ Barbara Kumpe asked everyone to sign up for the *You're the Cure Network*, which is an advocacy component of the American Heart Association. Information forms were passed out for everyone to sign up.
- ❖ Barbara reported that the Joint Use group is looking into some language in the Constitution that needs clarification.
- ❖ Rosemary Rodibaugh informed everyone about a webinar that will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 and Wednesday, August 15, 2012 on the new meal pattern for schools. The link will be forwarded to members that are interested in registering for the webinar.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 A.M.